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SUBJECT: TANGOV RECRUITMENT OF AFRO-AMERICANS

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1. PARIS INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE HAS PICKED UP STORY (AND

ITS SUBSEQUENT DENIAL) CONCERNING THE SUPPOSED QTE BANNING UNQTE OF THE PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS PROJECT IN TANZANIA, WHICH APPEARED IN THE AUGUST 14 ISSUE OF TANZANIA DAILY NEWS AND WAS RETRACTED NEXT DAY.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, TANGOV HAS BEEN RECRUITING SKILLED AFRO-AMERICANS TO WORK IN TANZANIA THROUGH BOTH PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS AND THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. NEITHER OPERATION WAS EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED WITHIN TANGOV AND MANY PROBLEMS (SOME CITED REFTELS) OCCURRED. IN APRIL DECISION WAS TAKEN TO CENTRALIZE ALL FACETS THIS ACTIVITY (RECRUITING, HIRING, AND MONITORING) IN CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENTS DIVISION OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. SUBSEQUENTLY IT WAS DECIDED TO DISPENSE WITH THE SERVICES OF PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS.

3. FROM TANGOV POINT OF VIEW, PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS HAD BECOME A CLOSED ORGANIZATION WHICH RECRUITED ONLY WITHIN A SMALL

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SECTOR OF THE BLACK AMERICAN POPULATION AND DID NOT REACH MANY

INDIVIDUALS WITH SKILLS DESIRED BY TANGOV. RELATIONSHIP HAD DEGENERATED TO THE POINT WHERE, ROUGHLY SIX MONTHS AGO, PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS CLOSED ITS OFFICE IN DAR ES SALAAM (THOUGH CONTINUING TO SPONSOR RECRUITS FOR TANZANIA). HENCE, LATEST ACTION IS, IN FACT, ONLY A PRO FORMA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A PRE-EXISTING SITUATION.

4. NONETHELESS, LOCAL AFRO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS DISTURBED BY THE NEW REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE THEY (AND ONLY THEY) REGISTER WITH CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR PLACEMENT IN JOBS. WE EXPECT TANZANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO RECRUIT ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR REQUESTING MINISTRIES AND PARASTATAL COMPANIES. CONOFF HAS TRIED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO MEET AND DISCUSS SITUATION WITH RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES AND WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED, IT APPEARS THAT REGISTRATION FORM HAS OATH OF UNKNOWN FORM WHICH MUST BE SIGNED (WHICH COULD LEAD TO CITIZENSHIP RETENTION PROBLEMS DEPENDING ON THE WORDING). EMBASSY HOPES TO CLARIFY SITUATION QUICKLY SO THAT LOCAL BLACK AMERICANS CAN BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED.

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